STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



Class Code KB45 Band 05

Class Title Nutritionist III

General Nature of Work Positions in the class provide normal and therapeutic services to patients/clients, health care institutions or homes within designated program or units.

Guidelines for Class Use /

Examples of Work

Distinguishing Characteristics

Assesses the nutritional needs of medically at risk clients using anthropometric, biochemical, clinical, dietary and socio-economic information to develop nutrition care plans. Implements, coordinates and evaluates nutrition care plans with clients, families, and members of the health care provider team. Delivers medical nutrition therapy to clients and families utilizing the nutrition care process. Monitors and evaluates outcomes for nutrition interventions and services. Maintains client records and prepares reports. Participates in quality assurance activities. Assists in program planning, policymaking, and the development of standards for nutrition services. Collaborates with members of the health care team. Provides technical assistance on nutrition care to health care providers. Assists in the training of dietetic interns. Performs outreach activities to promote nutrition services. Assists in training and in-service education for program staff.

Note: The examples of work listed in this class specification are not necessarily descriptive of any one position in the class. The omission of specific statements does not preclude management from assigning specific duties not listed herein if such duties are a logical assignment of the position. The intent of the listed examples is to give a general indication of the levels of difficulty and responsibility common to all positions in this class.

Knowledge Skills and Abilities Knowledge of the science and practice of human nutrition and standards of practice in dietetics. Knowledge of food composition and major sources of nutrients. Knowledge of principles of supervision, personnel management and consultation. Knowledge of social, cultural and economic factors related to the nutritional status and dietary habits of individuals and families. Working knowledge of human behavior and techniques for the modification of eating habits. Ability to communicate effectively. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with staff members of other human service agencies.

Note: The knowledge, skills and abilities listed are not necessarily inclusive of the requirements for every position in the class.

Necessary Special Requirements Some positions require registration or eligibility for registration by the Commission of Dietetics Registration and licensure as a registered dietitian by the South Carolina Panel for Dietetics.

Minimum Requirements A bachelor's degree in nutrition, dietetics or community nutrition and experience in a clinical, public health or institutional setting; or a bachelor's degree in any field and registration by the American Dietetics Association and experience in a clinical, public health or institutional setting. Some positions require registration with the American Dietetics Association and a valid license from the South Carolina Panel for Dietetics.

Note: Additional requirements may be applicable for individual positions in the employing agency.

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